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Subject: Microsoft Settlement.

Dear Sir/Madam,

This message in response of the message from Microsoft, dated Wed 1/2/2002 12:20 PM, Subject: DOJ wants to hear from you on MS settlement.
I'd like to make a few short statements.

From one point of view, it's looks like the MS must be punished for their monopoly, but from the other point of view, there are NO any harm to end-users. Looks like this is a battle just between gigants. And nothing more, except lobystic movements, are found in that case.

The monopoly can be reached in a few ways, one is when the government gives the monopoly rights to a company, another one when users just use only that service - this can be done in a 2 ways - there are just no competitors, the monopolist's product is so cheap, that there are no other competitors.

As far, as I know there are always a choice for users to install or not an operating system when they receive a new/OEM computer. And when I bought a computer they always asking me do I want Windows or Linux, or you can deal with the manufacturer what to install - even, if they have an agreement with MS, that may prevent them to install Linux on their system.

Last, but not least: The harm to American economy (and the Global economy itself) whould be much more higher, than meaning results archieved with the more strict settlement. Just imagine - Microsoft will bankrupt within 6 months after settlement - how we will work on our pc's ? Even Your pc will be left without any support. The whole state will loose a job, American Government will loose hundreds of billions in taxes. Or just imagine - The Microsoft will transfer it's main office to another country - it's excellent solution for destination, but for United States it's whould be a long and really deep recession. Microsoft even whould be able to just "buy" a small country.

Conclusion: I think, that there should be some limitations for Microsoft, but just keep in mind, that the "stick always has a two ends", if you will "bend the stick too much" the stick will broke - then there will be no way back. I believe, that you will come to right and fair settlement.

God, bless America.

